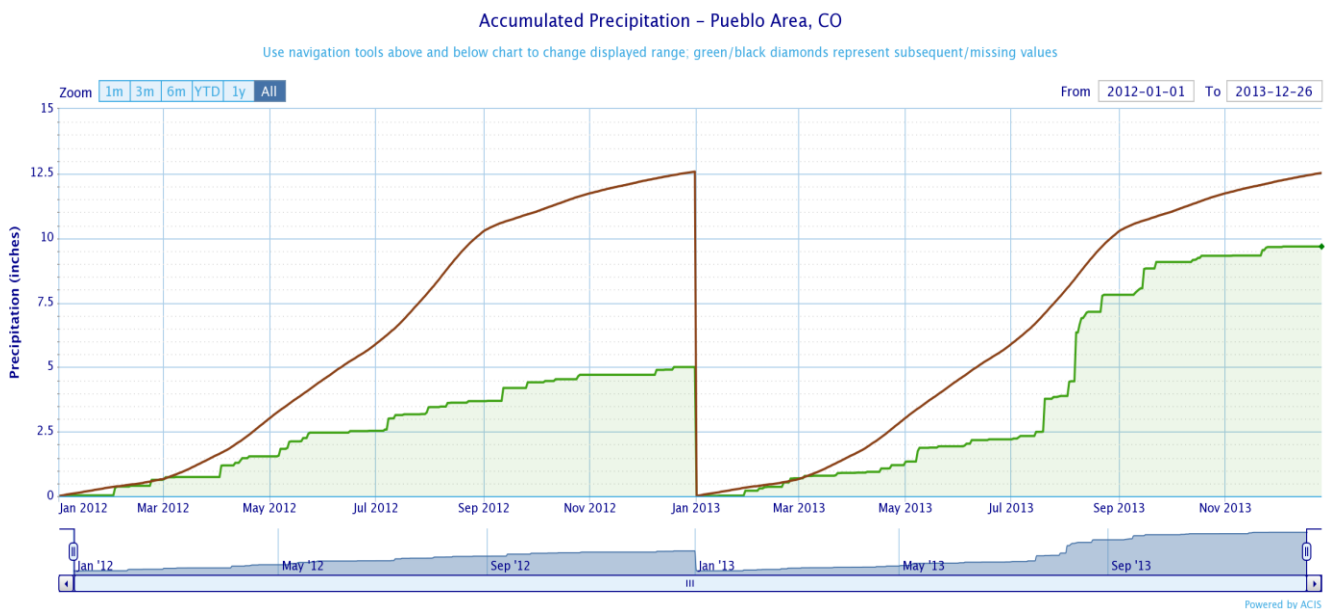
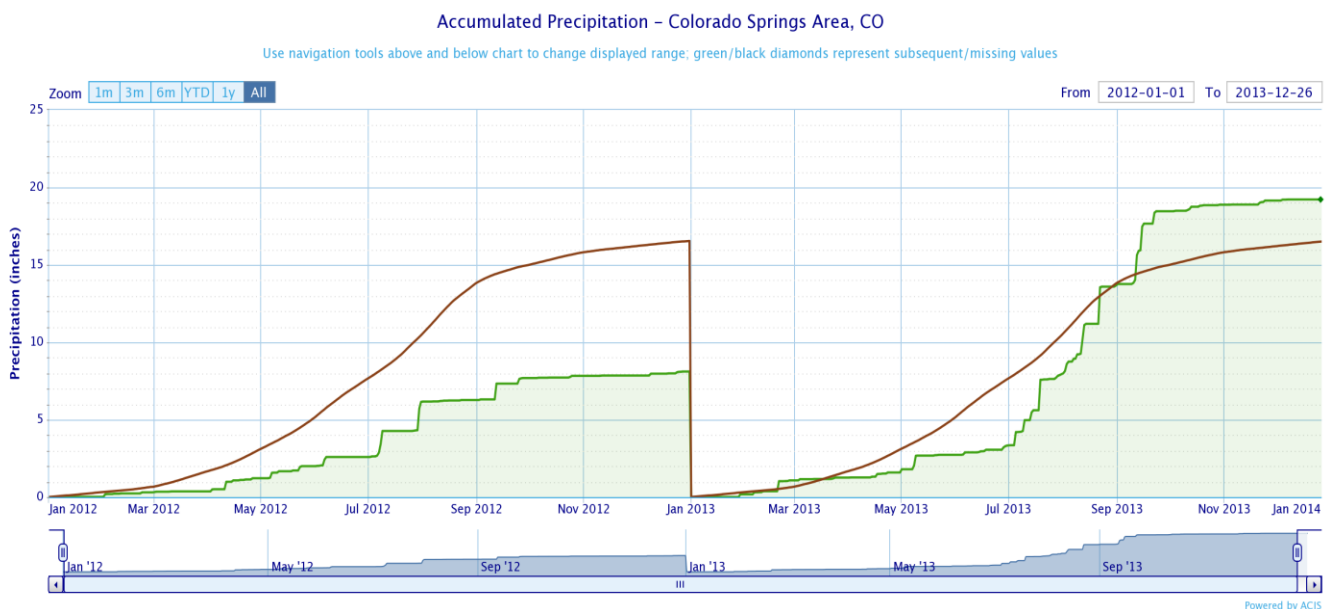


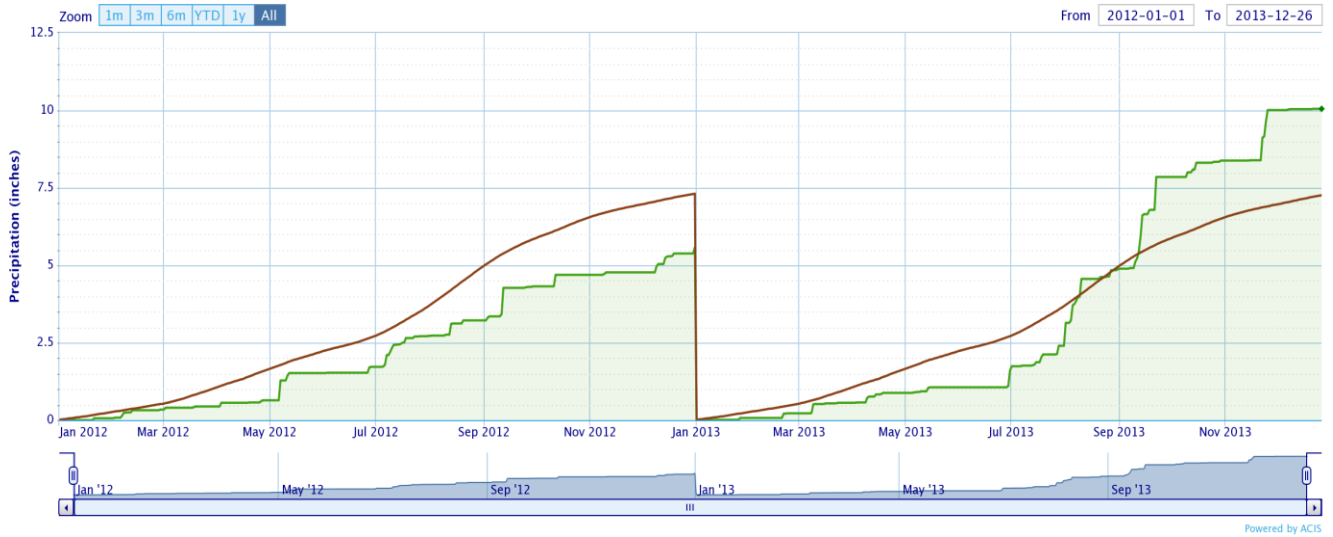
With a wet late spring (mainly across the northern and central mountains) and a very active summer monsoon, most of south central and southeast Colorado saw precipitation totals in 2013 rebound from a very dry 2012.

In the following graphics, the green line depicts the daily accumulated precipitation totals for 2012, as well as totals from January 1st through December 25th of 2013, at Colorado Springs, Pueblo, Alamosa, Lamar, La Junta, Trinidad and Leadville. The brown line depicts the 1981-2010 daily accumulated average precipitation for the selected sites, which sets back to zero at the beginning of the year.



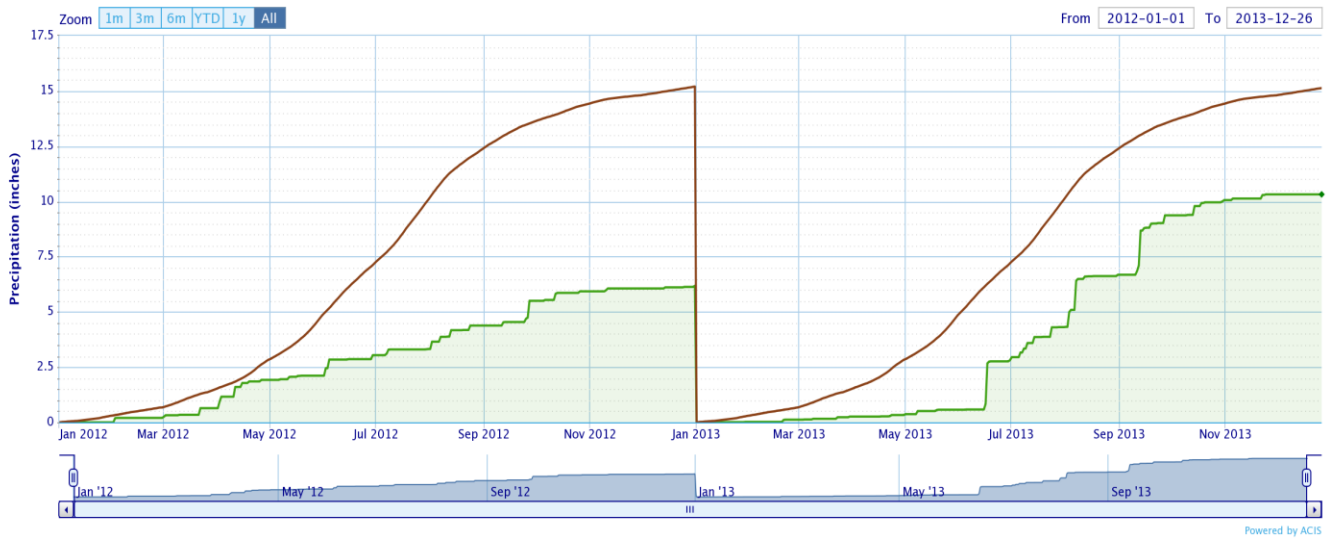
Accumulated Precipitation – Alamosa Area, CO

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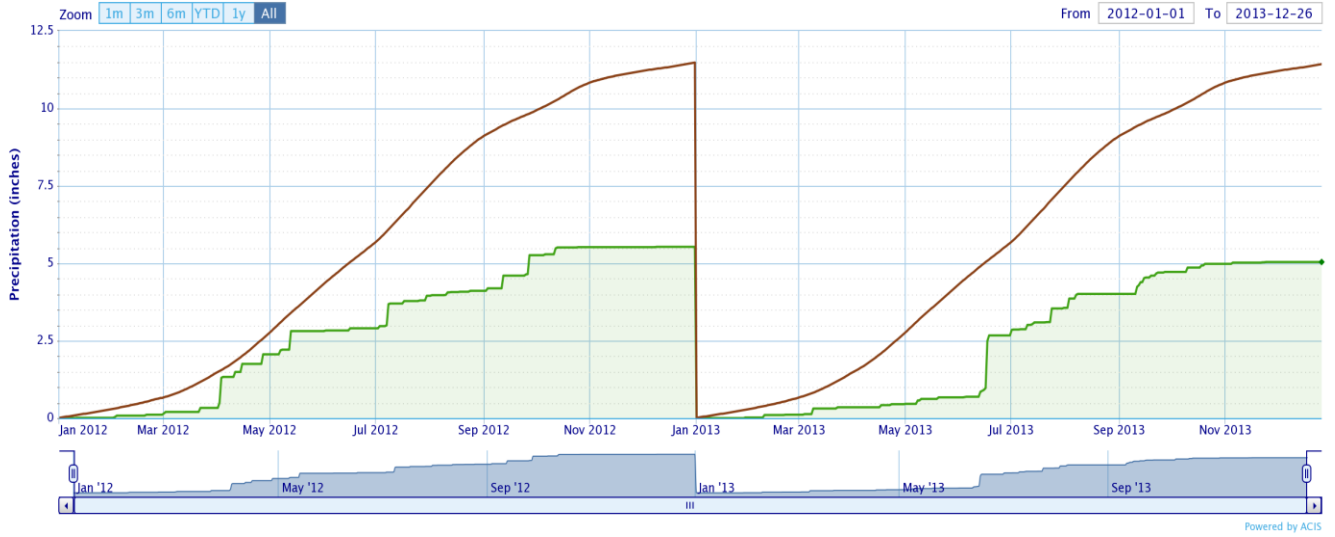
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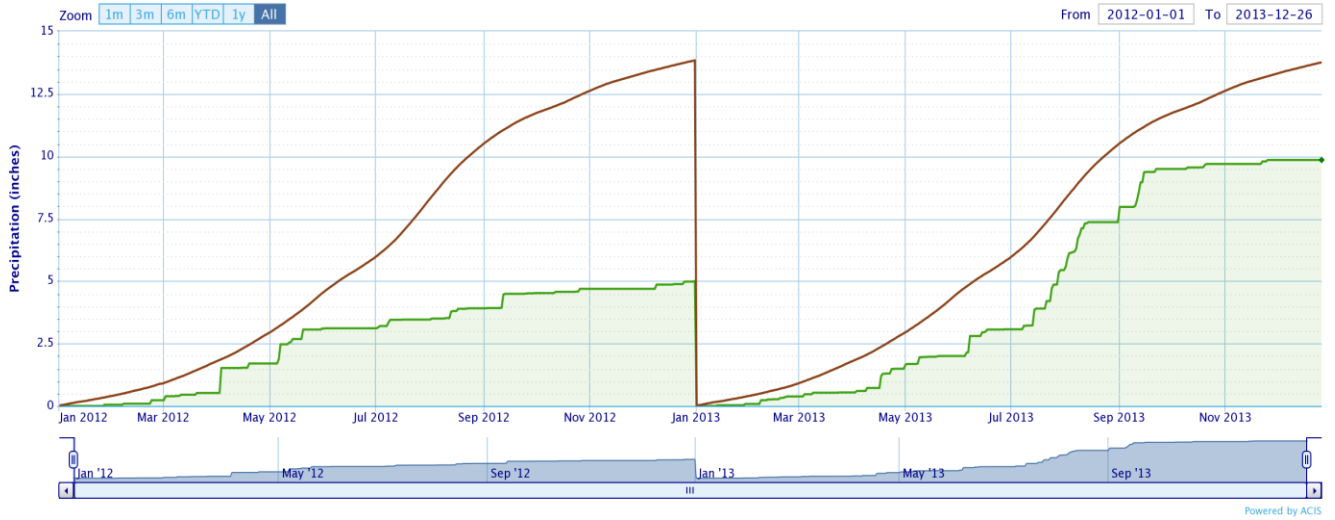
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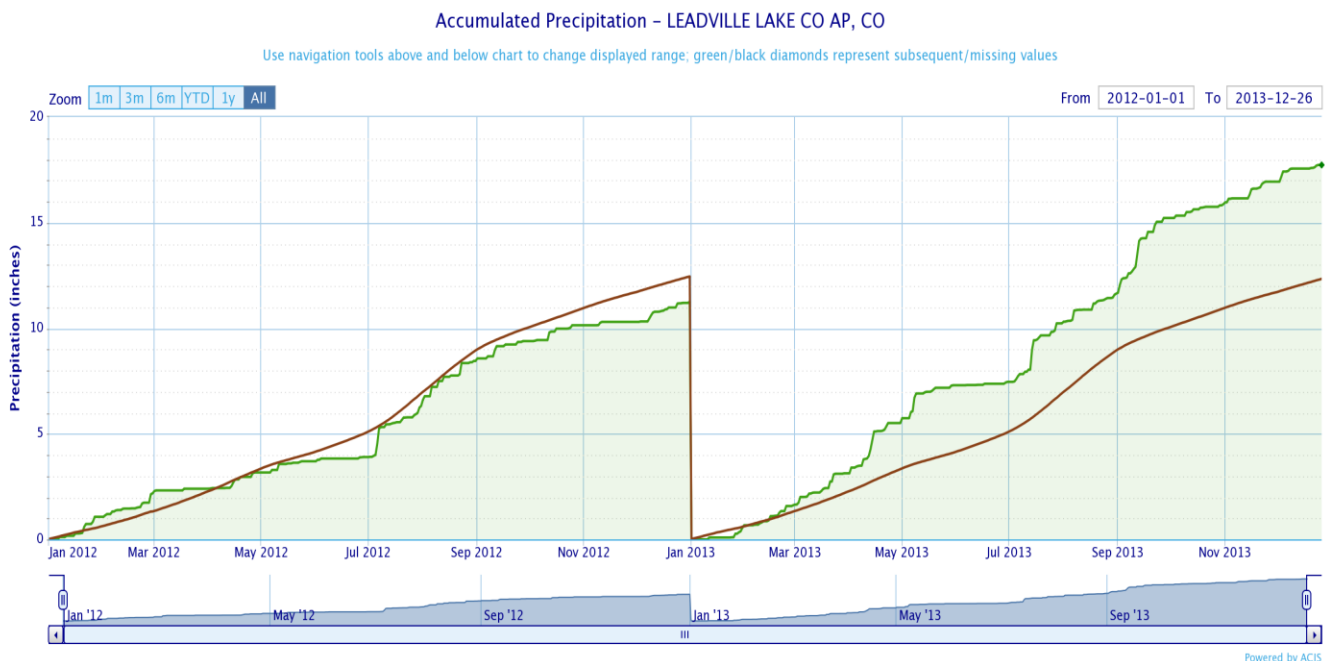
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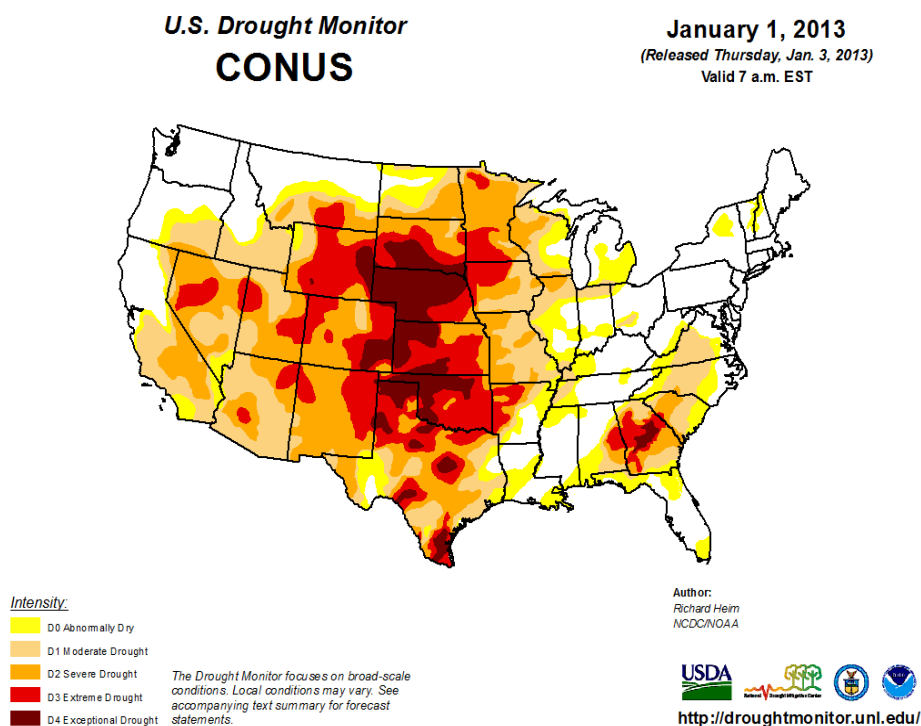
Accumulated Precipitation - TRINIDAD PERRY STOKES AP, CO

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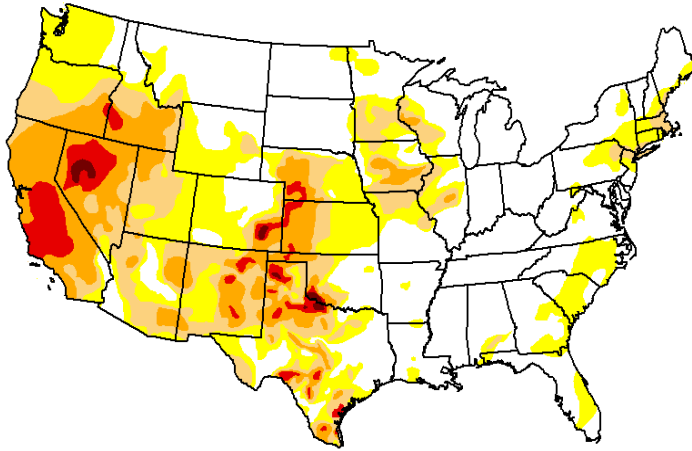


With near or above normal precipitation throughout the year, many areas saw marked improvement in drought conditions, with one exception being portions of the lower Arkansas River Valley, which continues to be mired in severe to exceptional drought. The following graphics are from the US Drought Monitor which depicts the drought status on January 1st and December 24th of 2013, respectively.



U.S. Drought Monitor
CONUS

December 24, 2013
(Released Thursday, Dec. 26, 2013)
Valid 7 a.m. EST



Intensity

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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